

No. 889 號九百八十八第 日七十二月二年二十緒光 HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 1st, 1886. 四拜禮 號一月四英港香 [PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH]

SHIPPING.	INTIMATIONS.	DANCES.	BOOTHINGS.	THEATRE.	CHAIRMAN'S ROYAL ITALIAN NOTICE
		LONGRONG & SPANGHAI RANKING	PUBLIC AUCTION		

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST  
TESTIMONIAL TO MR. J.

ly'ing in the CLUBS and at t  
EES in the Colony.  
J. MELVILLE M  
Hon. Secre  
ongkong, 1st April, 1886.  
HE HONGKONG ICE CO  
LIMITED.  
SHAREHOLDERS are hereby  
on Presentation of their SHARE  
at the Head Office of this Com  
will be issued in EXCHANGE in  
the Resolution recently passed.  
JARDINE, MATHESON  
General Man  
ongkong, 1st April, 1886.  
NOTICE.  
WE the Undersigned have  
Established ourselves here  
MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AG  
Style or Firm of SCHEELE

ALFRED SCH  
CARL RUSCH,  
RICHARD ABE  
GUSTAVATZE  
No. 2, Stanle  
Hongkong, 1st April, 1886.

THE KORSCHOLT ICE I

WE HAVE THIS DAY been  
Agents for the KORSCH  
EPOI and are now ready to SU  
in our Depot, Pedder Street  
KORSCHOLT HOTEL, in quantities  
and upwards at the rate of ONE C  
special arrangement to larg  
The Blocks of Ice weighing up to  
specially adapted for shipping pu  
F. BLACKBEE  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 1st April, 1886.

HONGKONG, CHINA  
WAR DEPARTMENT CO  
NOTICE TO CONTRACT  
TENDERS are invited for  
desirous of CONTRACTS  
COMPLETION OF THE WORKS  
LOCATION at BELCHER'S BAY  
POINT.  
The Contract to be based on the  
Department Schedule of Prices for  
work at present applicable to the  
The Printed Schedule, with  
and Tender, and any further  
necessary, may be obtained by appli-  
GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR, ROYAL  
OFFICE, QUEEN'S ROAD, between  
11 A.M. and 3 P.M.  
A sum of \$500 will be charged for  
the Schedule, which amount will be  
repaid of the same upon and after  
the Engineer's Office within

Tenders to be addressed up to  
 noon, on THURSDAY, 8th April  
 SENIOR COMMISSARIAT OFFICE  
 marked on the outside of the Envelope  
 FOR WORK AT BELCHER'S  
 BATTERIES."

The Secretary of State for War  
 himself to accept the lowest or any  
 EDMOND  
 Colonel,

Royal Engineer Office,  
 Hongkong, 30th March, 1886.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP  
 COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND  
 THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA."

Captain S. Ashton, will be despatched  
 to the above Ports TO-DAY, the

NE A.M., instead of as previously  
 For Freight or Passage, apply  
 DOUGLAS LARSEN  
 General Manager  
 Hongkong, 31st March, 1886.  
 OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO.  
 FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ  
 THE Company's Steamship  
 "MENELAUS,"  
 Captain Nelson, will be despatched  
 TO-MORROW, the 2nd April, a.s.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply  
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE  
 Hongkong, 31st March, 1886.  
 FOR HOIHOW, SINGAPORE,  
 BANGKOK.  
 THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL  
 SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED  
 THE Company's Steamship

"KONG BENG.  
 Captain R. Jones, will be despatched  
 above Ports TO-MORROW, the  
 SEVEN A.M.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply  
 YUEN PA  
 Agt.  
 Hongkong, 31st March 1886.  
 AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN  
 STEAM NAVIGATION  
 STEAM FOR SINGAPORE  
 COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN  
 PORT SAID, BRINDISI, &c.  
 (Taking Cargo at through rate,  
 MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF,  
 LEVANT & ADRIATIC &c.)  
 THE Company's Steamship  
 "POSEIDON,"  
 Captain G. Dumezil, will be despatched  
 on the 3rd of April, at Noon,

previously advertised.  
For Further Particulars regarding  
and Passages apply to the Agents  
Company, Praya Central. O. D.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1886.

**THE CHINA AND MANU  
SHIP COMPANY, LTD.**

FOR MANILA VIA A  
THE Company's Steamship

**"ZAFIRO."**  
Captain Talbot, will be despatched  
Port on SATURDAY, the 3rd  
P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply  
RUSSL  
General  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1886.

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND  
THE Company's Steamship  
"THALES,"  
Captain Pocock, will be despatched  
above Ports on SUNDAY, the  
NINE A.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAY,  
General Manager  
Hongkong, 1st April, 1886.

ESTIMATES INVITED  
FOREMAST for B  
"ELIZABETH - NICHOLS"  
IRON, AND OREGON PINE.  
Apply on Board.  
SAMUEL  
Master  
Hongkong, 30th March, 1886.



has been read a first time, together with the remainder that have been read by the Chief Justice.

marks that have been made by the Council of Justice.

**THE RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES AND FESTIVALS**

The Religious Ceremonies and Festivals Bill was read a third time and passed.

**LOTTERIES.**

**THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL** gave notice that at the next meeting he would move the following additional section to the Vagrants Bill—

Every person who shall at any street, road or other open or public place, or at any open place in the place have access sell or offer for sale any ticket or chance or any chance in any ticket or chance in any lottery or who shall at any street, road or other open or public place, or at any open place in the place publish the winning number, name or character in any lottery or who shall at any street, road or other open or public place, or at any open place in the place give a Police Magistrate, to a fine not exceeding ten dollars for the first offence or not exceeding twenty-five dollars for the second or subsequent offence.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

The other orders of the day were postponed, and the Council adjourned until Wednesday next.

**THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE COLONY.**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon a statement was laid on the table showing the total revenue and the expenditure of the colony for the year 1885. The total revenue was \$1,251,889, being \$114,352 more than estimated, and \$78,818 more than in 1884. The ordinary—expenditure was \$1,079,459, being \$83,129 more than estimated, and the expenditure on extraordinary public works was \$475,147, making a total expenditure for the year of \$1,554,606. The receipts above given are exclusive of the amount laid aside, which amounted to \$29,668, thus bringing the grand total up to \$1,584,274.

Another return was also laid before the Council giving the revenue received during the last ten years, the total being as follows:—\$1,207,127; 1877, \$220,909; 1878, \$293,650; 1879, \$368,837; 1880, \$1,063,694; 1881, \$1,130,796; 1882, \$1,209,517; 1883, \$1,269,445; 1884, \$1,178,671; and 1885, \$1,251,889. These figures are all exclusive of the proceeds on land sales, which has varied in different years from \$1,497 to \$203,655.

A third return gives the expenditure for the last ten years as follows:—1876, \$202,500; 1877, \$252,129; 1878, \$320,909; 1879, \$393,650; 1880, \$943,014; 1881, \$981,595; 1882, \$1,094,204; 1883, \$1,162,247; 1884, \$1,254,634; 1885, \$1,146,103.

The expenditure on extraordinary public works during the last ten years has been as follows:—1876, \$29,668; 1877, \$29,668; 1878, \$29,668; 1879, \$29,668; 1880, \$29,668; 1881, \$29,668; 1882, \$29,668; 1883, \$29,668; 1884, \$29,668; 1885, \$29,668.

**THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE STAMP DUTY.**

The following minute by the Collector of Stamp Duty on a proposed increase of the duties by 50 per cent. was laid on the table of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon:—

HONOURABLE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY: With reference to your note of February 20th, regarding a duty of 50 per cent. I beg to report that the total collected by this Office in 1885 (the lowest collection for five years past) was—

Stamp Duty	\$143,581.81
Deduct Court Fees, &c.	14,237.74
	\$131,322.07

An increase of fifty per cent. on the above would amount to about \$35,000 a year, but there are some duties which really could not be increased. A Receipt Stamp, for instance, could hardly be more than three cents.

On the other hand there are duties which could be increased to more than fifty per cent. Our duties on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, for instance, might be doubled without rendering them excessive. They would be increased to 100 per cent. on the former, which they should never exceed. I propose a table showing roughly the increase I should propose, to give a general increase of 50 per cent. to the Stamp Revenue. The result may be taken as follows:—

I should propose a special treatment of the duty on Transfers of Shares. I had meant to submit a suggestion for this on the first opportunity. The duty on such transfers is at present 10 per cent. I propose to increase it to 15 per cent. It is here, and is so arranged as either, to prevent the defrauding of the Revenue which goes on by means of what are called Blank Transfers. I propose to increase the duty on such transfers to 15 per cent. The result would be to treble the amount collected.

If the Community would prefer increased taxation to take the shape of Stamp Duties, they might be increased to 100 per cent. on the other (possibly paid up far) it would be very convenient, as all the machinery is in existence, and there would be no buildings, salaries, allowances, or new appointments required, and the Government would be able to effect the last year has proved satisfactory in nearly every way, and it puts the Colony in the best possible position for either raising or lowering them, which can be carried out, by the means of little more than a few clerical alterations.

I may perhaps add a few words as to the evasion of Stamp Duties by Chinese. The only Stamp Duties Chinese can evade are those on documents passing entirely amongst themselves and which they can succeed in keeping out of the Courts. These, naturally, are marriage, and Native Drafts. But in all business which is not purely native the Chinese must pay Stamp Duty, they cannot help it; and Chinese business is conducted more and more on the written word, and they are bound to pay moreover that since the Promissory Note duties were re-arranged on a more equitable scale they have been largely paid on payable Chinese Notes, the lenders profiting thereby to the extent of the risk of not being able to recover.

A. LISTER,  
Collector of Stamp Revenue  
Stamp Office, 29th March, 1886.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF VICTORIA GAOL FOR 1885.**

The following report on the Gaol by General Gordon was laid on the table of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon:—

Gaol Superintendent's Office.  
Hongkong, 27th January, 1886.

COLONIAL SECRETARY: In forwarding the prescribed Annual Statistical Return of Victoria Gaol, I beg to submit at the same time, for the information of the Hon. Secretary, the results of my observations on the Gaol, and of my observations on the Government and its administration, which are not little adverted to in the Official Return.

2—I assumed charge of the Victoria Gaol in the beginning of May, 1885, and during my experience therefore only extends to eight months of the past year; and, if I venture to offer opinions and make suggestions as to desirable changes, it will hardly be disputed that Government cannot do better than to be guided in its general principles by English Prison experience, and to endeavour to attain the same results as have been attained by the English. The results are marvellous, and are briefly but graphically described in Sir E. D. Caus's account of Penal Servitude (London, 1882). A combination of deterrent and reformatory measures, which have been the experience of many years, has in England, resulted in a diminution of crime truly astonishing. During the five years ending in 1883, the yearly average of sentenced Prisoners, in England and

Sentenced to penal servitude	2,589
Sentenced to imprisonment	12,536
Total	15,125

out of a population of over 19 millions. This number was year by year reduced till in 1881 it amounted to 12,536.

Sentenced to penal servitude	1,825
Sentenced to imprisonment	9,266
Total	10,791

while the population had increased from 19 millions to nearly 26 millions.

4—Such splendid results can hardly be hoped for in this Colony; but Government can at least







THE FRENCH MAIL.  
The M. M. steamer *Isaerady*, with the next French mail, left Singapore at 3 p.m. on the 27th March, and may be expected here on or about the 4th April.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.  
The O. & C. steamer *San Pablo*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco on the 13th March, and may be expected here on or about the 11th April.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.  
The Shire Line steamer *Pambolschere* left Singapore on the 25th March, and is due here on the 1st April.  
The P. & O. steamer *City of Pines* left Yokohama on the 26th March, and is due here on the 1st April.  
The steamer *Guzee* left Singapore on the morning of the 27th March, and may be expected here on or about the 3rd April.  
The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Nastor* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 23rd March, and is due here on the 3rd April.

The Union Line steamer *Devonshire* left Singapore on the 29th March, and may be looked for here on or about the 5th April.

The Union Line steamer *Gulley of Lorne* leaves Singapore on the 30th March, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 6th April.

Port Darwin on the 28th March, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 7th April.

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**POST-OFFICE. NOTICES.**

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occasionally) all that the addressee need do is  
note on the cover, Sent to —, or Received  
at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward  
without any other writing whatever to the  
Postmaster-General. This should be acted  
on the first day of complaint occurs; it

The Postal Guide for 1896, revised to date, will be found in the *Daily Press Digest* in 385 large edition, or 701 small edition. The

**LOCAL DELIVERY.**—No delivery is attempted on board Ship, at the Peak, Kowloon, Aberdeen, &c., nor at any private house (even those named in the address) when there is a place of business at the address. Deliveries are effected at all other places.

☞ The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is also corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Don Juan*, to-day, the 1st inst., at 2.30 P.M.

For Haifong—Per Saltce, to-day, the  
inst., at 3.00 P.M.  
For Hoihow, Singapore, and Bangkok—  
Kong Bony, to-day, the 1st inst., at 5.00 P.M.  
For Straits, Colombo, and Bombay—  
Poseidon, on Saturday, the 3rd instant, at 1

For Amoy and Manilla.—Per *Zigzag*, on  
tuesday, the 3rd inst. at 4.30 p.m.  
For Singapore.—Per *Atalanta*, on Mon-  
day, the 5th April at 4.30 p.m.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES  
PACKET.**

be despatched on SATURDAY, the 3rd April, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, which will be closed as follows:—  
2.15 P.M., Registry ceases.  
2.30 P.M., Post-Office closes, but Correspondence received on board the Packet.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Jewellery, and, where Registration has been neglected, makes no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET**  
The French Contract Packet Arrives  
be despatched on TUESDAY, the 6th Ap-  
with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe  
and places beyond; viz. Naples; to Saigon  
Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon  
S. M. de la Compagnie des Indes.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Jewellery, and where Registration has been neglected.

6 hours.  
**HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRA  
 MAILES-  
 THE ENGLISH MAIL.**  
 The following hours are observed in clos

54. Noon.—Money Order Office closes.  
2.00 P.M.—Registry of Betchers ceases. P  
ing of all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
3.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Lett  
S. 3.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with late  
of 10 cents unit)

3.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on by the packet with late fee of 10 cents, at time of departure.

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THE BRENOH MAIL.  
*Day before Departure.*

close, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

*Day of Departure.*

7 A.M. Post Office opens.

10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases. Posting all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with extra  
of 10 cents until  
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entire.  
11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on-board  
the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents up  
time of departure.

1.—Postal Notes of the values named below payable within three months at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, or at Constantinople, can be obtained at Hongkong or at any British Post Office in China (except Hoihow and Tientsin) at the following prices, which include

1/-	.....	50 cents.
1/6	.....	45 "
5/-	.....	\$1.50.
10/-	.....	\$2.95.
20/-	.....	\$5.80.

All money orders on the United Kingdom  
 and other countries not exceeding £5 applied for at Hong

2.—The purchaser of any Postal Note must fill in the Payee's name before parting with it. He may also fill in the name of the Office where payment is to be made. If this is not done the note is payable (within the

3.—Postal Notes should always be forwarded Registered Covers. If this precaution is not taken NO ENQUIRIES WHATSOEVER will be made as to the loss or alleged loss of any Note.

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